

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of |) | |
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| Franklin <i>et al.</i> |) | Art Unit: 1615 |
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| Application No.: 10/586,597 |) | Examiner: Neil S. Levy |
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| Filing Date: April 4, 2008 |) | Confirmation No.: 1640 |
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| For: NEMATACIDAL COMPOSITIONS AND |) | |
| METHODS OF USING THEM |) | |

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2011, which set forth a three-month period for reply, *i.e.*, July 18, 2011. With this Response, Applicants also submit a Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for an Extension of Time to extend the time period for reply by three months, *i.e.*, to October 18, 2011, a Declaration of Dr. Gary Ostroff under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 with an Appendix containing Figures 1-6, Dr. Ostroff's curriculum vitae, and a credit card payment submitted via EFS-Web. Applicants believe that this Response is timely filed and respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and placed in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims, as reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.